las approached the Ministry of Pet-olcum and Natural Gas regarding insuffi-;icnt supply of Bitumen and if so, thesteps taken/proposed to be taken to insure sufficient and un-intcrrupted supply of Bitumen;

(b) whether long queues are witnessed or Asphalt at Koyali Refinery during the working season, resulting in long waiting period for tankers;

(c) if so, what is the average waiting period for tankers;

(d) whether the loading capacity of bitumen at Koyali Refinery is sufficient ? take care of the demand; and

(c) if not, the steps taken or proposed) be taken to ensure sufficient loading capaicty;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND (ATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir. The oil companies have need directed to meet the full require-ent of the State.

(b) Long queues are witnessed occa-onally during the peak working season.

(c) Only during the peak season, the deragc waiting period is one to two days casionally.

(d) and (c) The loading capacity of tumen at Koyali Refinery is more than c actual production. Till the expansion Koyali Refinery, the production of humen cannot be increased as per the eduction pattern.

filing on Supply of Furniture to Central Ministers

2408. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

a) the estimated value of furniture plied to Central Ministers;

b) whether there is any ceiling fixed supply of furniture to Ministers, in-ling other luxury items, at their resi-cc;

(c) whether Government propose to charge rent for the additional furniture provided at the residences of Ministers; and

(d) if not, the procedure followed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VEN-KATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The value of furniture and electrical appliances provided free of rent in a residence allotted to Central Ministers is governed by Ministers Residences Rules. Ministers and Ministers of State are provided free furniture and furnishing upto the value of Rs.22,500 and Deputy Minister upto the value of Rs. 22,500.
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(c) and (d) For the furniture and furnishing over and above the prescribed ceilling. Ministers arc required to pay rent at the same rate as applicable to Government servants together with departmental charges.

Grants By Regional Offices of CAPART

2409. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Regional Offices of CAPART arc functioning;

(b) if so, the number of grants given by Regional Office of CAPART in Andhra Pradesh in 1995-96; and

(c) the details of the funds released in 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA-DEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In 1995-96, the Regional Committee of CAPART had sanctioned 206 projects in Andhra Pradesh and the amounts sanctioned and released for these projects were Rs. 6.07 crores and Rs. 3.12 crores respectively.